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SUBJECT: EXIMBANK GUARANTEE: CENTRAL MILITARY HOSPITAL

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- 1. ON FEBRUARY 28, MINISTRY OF WAR AGAIN REQUESTED A DELAY OF THIRTY DAYS IN AWARDING INTERNATIONAL TENDER FOR REEQUIPPING CENTRAL MILITARY HOSPITAL. GEN. ALFONSO ICOCHEA DE VIVANCO SPECIFICALLY TOLD COMMERCIAL ATTACHE THAT US FIRM TETT (BILL LATTIMORE), ASSOCIATED WITH LOCAL CONCERN AMERICAN HOSPITAL SUPPLY CORPORATION S.A., WOULD DEFINITELY BE AWARDED US\$5.5 MILLION CONTRACT OUT OF TOTAL PACKAGE OF \$12 MILLION. REMAINDER WILL GO TO WEST GERMAN BIDDERS. TWO OTHER US FIRMS AS WELL AS FRENCH ARE NO LONGER IN THE RUNNING.
- 2. TRADITIONALLY, PERUVAIN MILITARY FACILITIES ARE EQUIPPED WITH US MEDICAL EQUIPMENT. WEST GERMANS ARE MAKING CONCERTED EFFORT TO WIN THIS TENDER AS WEDGE FOR FUTURE CONTRACTS.

 MINISTER OF WAR HAS SEVERAL REGIONAL HOSPITALS AND AN OLD-AGE HOSPITAL-HOME PROJECTED FOR 1977-78. KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES HAVE INDICATED THAT COUNTRY THAT WINS CONTRACT FOR REEQUIPPING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CENTRAL MILITARY HOSPITAL WILL HAVE UPPER HAND AND ALMOST CERTAINLY WIN FUTURE TENDRS. GEN. ICOCHEA MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE PERSONALLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AMERICANS WIN BUT IF TETT UNABLE TO ARRANGE FINANCING HE WILL HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO AWARD TOTAL PACKAGE TO GERMANS.

3. BILL LATTIMORE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH BANK OF AMERICA ON

OBTAINING 60 DAY EXTENSION OF FINANCING COMMITMENT (ALTHOUGH IT LIKELY GOP WILL ANNOUNCE WINNER BY MARCH 15). HE PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK TO OBTAIN FINAL EXTENSION OF EXIMBANK GUARANTEE. PLEASE ADVISE OUTCOME SO THAT WE CAN KEEP GEN. ICOCHEA INFORMED AND KEEP US FIRM IN THE RUNNING. DEAN

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